

OLE MISS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**October 1, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that 50 years ago, a student named James Meredith helped turn the table on de-segregation, by becoming the first African-American to attend the University of Mississippi. His struggle became a flash point in the Civil Rights movement.

SENIOR GLEANERS**October 4, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 reporter Ben Tracy reports that a group of seniors is providing a much-needed lift in the battle against hunger. These special volunteers are giving back to the community in their golden years.

ROSE QUEEN**October 16, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how one young lady has ascended from princess to queen. 17-year-old Vanessa Manjarrez, a senior at Mayfield High School, has been crowned the 95th Rose Queen. She is one of the seven young women who will serve as the royal court, reigning at the 2013 Tournament of Roses and Rose Bowl Game on New Year's Day.

FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL**October 27, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports that memorial services were held today for a trailblazing member of the L.A. City Fire Department. Paul Orduna was the first African-American assistant chief in the department, and served 33 years in LAFD. He was known as a leader for African-American firefighters who came after him.

WEST HOLLYWOOD PARTY**November 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on the West Hollywood Halloween Carnival. An estimated 500-thousand revelers showed up to take part in the celebration. It is the second-biggest annual event in Southern California after the Rose Parade.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE**November 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how November is Native American Heritage Month. It's a time to honor the culture and traditions. Kim Marcus of the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians shows us some of their traditional culinary creations with a modern twist.

SWEET ALICE TURKEYS**November 18, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports on what has been a Thanksgiving tradition in Watts for decades, as once again "Sweet Alice" helped provide holiday meals to low-income families. It was the 39th Annual Holiday Food Drive distribution, but this year instead of turkeys, people received gift certificates.

UCLA RACIAL SLURS**November 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports live from Westwood, where UCLA students are reacting with outrage to an apparent hate crime that took place on campus. Apparently a message of hate was posted, which has prompted a police investigation.

SANTA MONICA NATIVITY**December 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports live from Santa Monica, where there is an ongoing dispute between believers and atheists over the Santa Monica nativity scenes. Churches have found a way to get their religious message back in a public park.

STUFF-A-THON**December 8, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports on how some celebrities kicked off the holiday season with community service. They formed an assembly line and stuffed duffle bags with toys, books, blankets and toiletries. It took place at the CBS-2/KCAL-9 studios in Studio City, with the Alliance for Women in Media taking part in the event.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**December 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports that for a quarter of a century, one local firefighter's holiday tradition has lit up a neighborhood. It's

been making children of all ages smile for years, and is a holiday spectacle to be experienced.

CHiPs FOR KIDS**December 24, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there is still time to donate to the KCAL-9/CBS-2 "CHiPs for Kids" Toy Drive. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at locations across the Southland.

AMEX REFUNDS

October 2, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Alison Kosik reports that Discover has issued a multibillion-dollar refund to its credit card customers for what the government called deceptive practices. American Express is facing a similar fine.

PEANUT BUTTER RECALL

October 8, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a peanut butter recall is growing, as the salmonella outbreak is getting worse. Hundreds of peanut butter and nut products made by Sunland Inc. are being recalled. The FDA is calling it a 'fast-moving outbreak' of salmonella-induced sickness in at least 19 states, with five of the cases reported in California.

CALIFORNIA FORECLOSURES

October 17, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Such reports some encouraging news on the foreclosure front—notice across California have dropped to a five-year low. Officials credit an improving economy and rising home prices.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

October 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from Pasadena, on how the super-storm is having ripple effects all the way across the country. It's impacting Southern California businesses that deal with everything from stock trading to seafood.

GMO PROP

November 4, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports details on what is behind Proposition 37, which would give people the right to know if food has been genetically modified. It's a big battle over food labeling in California, with food companies as well as food safety advocates trying to sway voters.

CALIFORNIA JOBS**November 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there is some encouraging news about the California economy and job outlook. Unemployment is down, and nearly 49-thousand jobs have been added. More than 20-thousand of the new jobs are in retail, and the biggest job losses were in government.

GIFT CARD TIPS**November 23, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Karin Caifa reports that Americans are expected to ring up billions in gift card purchases over the holiday season. A survey is offering insight into some trends that can bring gift card givers and recipients the most bang for the buck.

PORK BACTERIA**November 27, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that for years people have been told to think of pork as a healthier alternative to beef. But a report in Consumer Reports says that pork can be full of bacteria. 69-percent of the raw pork tested contained bacteria including Yersinia, salmonella and listeria. Several of the bacteria strains were superbugs—the kind resistant to antibiotics.

FORD RECALL**December 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that Ford is recalling thousands of cars. The company is voluntarily calling back nearly 90-thousand 2013 Escapes and Fusions, because of a fire hazard. Ford says it's working on a way to fix the problem, but in the meantime is asking affected owners to contact a dealer to arrange for a loaner vehicle at no charge.

TOXIC TOYS**December 7, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports live from the Port of Los Angeles, on concerns over toxic toys from China. Local port officials have seized thousands of holiday toys because they may be harmful to kids.

SAFEWAY INVESTIGATION**December 22, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Julie Watts reports on how it's wise for customers to check grocery store receipts, because getting overcharged at the store is more common than people may think. It has been discovered that

Safeway, which owns Vons and Pavilions, makes more mistakes than other California grocery stores.

PASADENA TOURISM**December 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports that the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl game are a big boost to the local economy. Thousands of tourists are traveling to Pasadena to see the floats and take part in the festivities.

CHINO SHOOTING**October 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from Chino Hills, with the latest on the aftermath of a shooting that took place in the upscale 'Shoppes' mall on City Center Drive.

CAR VS. STUDENTS**October 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports live from the scene of a crash in Rancho Cucamonga. Three teenagers were rushed to the hospital after an accused drunk driver plowed into them. It happened as the girls were walking on a sidewalk outside Alta Loma High School.

ARSON SHOOTING**October 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amanda Burden reports live on how a father and his little boy were gunned down and killed by an arsonist. Three other members of their family are wounded, and there are new developments about the man who started the fire, and pulled the trigger.

STUDENTS ROBBED**October 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amanda Burden reports live from the campus at Cal Poly Pomona, where security is being beefed up after three students were robbed at gunpoint. One was in his dorm room when the gunman came in and tied him up.

PURSUIT SEARCH**November 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that from North Hollywood to South L.A., to Whittier, three pursuits kept cops busy. One pursuit ended when deputies with their guns drawn chased a teenager into a Lutheran Church.

CITY BUS ASSAULT**November 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from Sheriff's headquarters in Monterey Park, on the search for a man who committed a violent sexual attack on a public bus. The attack went on for 10 minutes, before the driver finally stopped the bus.

FATAL HIT-AND-RUN**November 18, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports live from South L.A., where police are looking for the driver of a minivan who ran down an 18-year-old disabled man. It happened late at night at Century and Broadway.

170 FREEWAY SHOOTING**November 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports on how a mother was shot on the 170 freeway, as her child riding in a car seat barely escaped the bullets. Police say a car riding alongside them on the freeway started shooting near Sherman Way in North Hollywood.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT**December 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports live from Long Beach on the search that is underway for a sexual predator. He's a serial groper who's been attacking women while riding his bicycle. Police have him on video, and are issuing a warning for women.

HOSTAGE STANDOFF**December 11, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports on breaking news as a man is holding hostages in Baldwin Hills. Two of those hostages are young kids.

FASHION ISLAND SHOOTING**December 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Louisa Hodge reports that a man is in custody, suspected of firing a gun several times at a busy Orange County shopping center. It happened in a parking lot at the Fashion Island Mall near Jamboree Road and Pacific Coast Highway in Newport Beach.

PASADENA CRASH CHARGES**December 28, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the L.A. District Attorney's Office announced charges filed in a deadly Pasadena pursuit. The

Christmas Day chase ended in a crash that killed a woman and an 11-year-old boy.

STANDING UP TO BULLIES**October 3, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that students in Anaheim are learning how to stand up to bullies. Mixed martial arts fighter Rob McCullough hosted a school assembly at Anaheim Elementary. He taught children important skills to protect themselves, and students learned other anti-bullying tips.

L.A. FUND FOR EDUCATION**October 8, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa joined LAUSD Superintendent John Deasy to unveil a new public art exhibition. The event is intended to revitalize arts education.

YOGA IN SCHOOL**October 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Christian De La Rosa reports that yoga may be among the subjects taught in schools, such as reading, writing and arithmetic. Yoga is currently part of the curriculum at a Southern California elementary school. But not everyone is happy about that.

HALLOWEEN HOSPITAL**October 31, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Simmons reports on what has become an annual tradition. Firefighters show up to visit kids at the children's hospital in Long Beach, to help patients there have some Halloween fun.

UPLAND PUMPKIN LAUNCH**November 2, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that physics students at Upland High School are using trebuchet to launch pumpkins. The contraption uses a conservation of energy principle that students learn in the classroom. Teachers grade students on their projects, from design to demonstration. This is the 7th Annual Pumpkin Launch.

CHILDREN'S CENTER**November 8, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports on the grand opening of a new Children's Center. When children are removed from their homes, the mental trauma they face can be almost unimaginable. But young victims of abuse and neglect are finding a new source of comfort with the opening of this center.

BOXES FOR TOYS**November 21, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Steve Wainfor reports on how a teacher has found an unconventional way to get kids to use their imagination. The teacher replaced all the kids' toys with cardboard boxes, with surprising results. The children in Mr. Kaser's class are only three years old.

TEACHER EVALUATIONS**November 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that L.A. Unified and its teachers have finally agreed on changes to teacher evaluations. The agreement will include students' grades on standardized tests when evaluating a teacher's performance. Classroom observation will also be used to evaluate teachers.

CARDIAC ARREST KIDS**December 4, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Elizabeth Corridan reports that sudden cardiac arrest is a condition where the heart stops beating. Some people survive, most don't. Many people think that only adults can suffer from SCA, but children can die from it.

LAPD CONNECTICUT SHOOTING**December 14, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports live from downtown L.A. with reaction from the LAPD and also school police, in the wake of the Connecticut elementary school massacre. The LAPD and L.A. Unified School District are addressing security issues.

CHiPs FOR KIDS TOY DRIVE**December 18, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that KCAL9 is once again sponsoring the CHiPs For Kids Toy Drive. New, unwrapped toys can be donated at drop-off locations across the Southland, to help brighten the holiday of a child who might go without any presents during the holiday season.

NRA ARMED SCHOOL GUARDS**December 22, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on how the National Rifle Association finally broke its silence, on gun control and the Connecticut school massacre. But the NRA's call for armed guards in every school in America isn't likely to dampen the debate over tougher gun laws.

LUNCH TRASH**October 3, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how some Long Beach students are getting a visual lesson in saving the environment. Officials at Hughes Middle School are laying out the trash, to show the students just how much waste there is at the school every day. Students are being asked to bring recyclable and reusable bottles and items to hold their lunches.

ECO ATM**October 15, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL Reporter Jeff Glor reports that when people buy a new smartphone, most people put their old one in a drawer and leave it there. But there is a new option—a California company is giving out instant cash for old phones. It's like using an ATM, to help the environment.

GREEN BUS**October 20, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how a big red school bus is teaching kids how to be green, and live a more sustainable lifestyle. Sol Food Mobile Farm is an environmental classroom, which runs on fuel made from vegetable oil.

EDISON CREW PREP**October 31, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Southern California Edison prepares to send repair crews to the storm-damaged region. Officials say the damage from Hurricane Sandy is widespread, and So-Cal crews will face challenges with the change in landscape and urban environment.

POLLEN COUNTS RISING**November 9, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that many people believe 2012 was the worst year for hay fever, but experts say things are likely to

get worse. The pollen count is expected to more than double over the next 28 years. Experts say that the global environment and human-induced changes, like increased levels of carbon dioxide, are to blame.

HIGH-END GLASS**November 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that unusual weather events like Hurricane Sandy are fueling the debate over climate change, and how to protect the environment. Recycling is a big part of it, and one Brooklyn company is helping create a greener future by recycling.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL**November 16, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that a judge has ruled construction on California's high-speed rail line can move full speed ahead. The Sacramento judge denied a request to block the \$68-billion project, after Central Valley farmers claimed the state is violating environmental laws.

COYOTE OPTIONS**November 18, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports on how a coyote controversy has animal rights groups upset. Huntington Beach residents say coyote attacks are on the rise, so the city is considering a new trapping plan. But some say that's not only less humane, it's less effective than other options.

MALIBU WHALE UPDATE**December 6, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that a rotting whale carcass continues to decompose as city, county and state officials wrangle over who should take care of it. The male fin whale carcass is on Little Dume beach, a private beach in Malibu. It may turn out that the whale might not get towed out to sea after all.

PRIMATENE MIST**December 12, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the asthma inhaler Primatene Mist may be back on the market sooner than expected. The federal government had banned the product from store shelves over concerns some of its ingredients harmed the environment.

BALD EAGLES**December 18, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the U.S. Forest Service has begun the season's first bird count, and they found four bald eagles in Riverside County. The government removed bald eagles from the endangered species list in 2007. Experts say pesticide restrictions, habitat protections and the release of captive-bred chicks are helping the eagle's recovery.

GRAPEVINE SNOW**December 27, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Meteorologist Evelyn Taft reports on how a winter weather advisory has expired in the mountains. The CHP ran breaks through the Grapevine, as drivers dealt with snow and freezing rain. The slick conditions caused a number of accidents.

INSOMNIA SLEEPING PILL

October 12, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Monica Villamizar reports that medical experts have a warning for people who suffer from insomnia. A lot of people are using over-the-counter sleeping medications, without seeing their doctor, but doctors say that is not the solution for the condition.

HPV VACCINE

October 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that a study by the journal Pediatrics says there is no evidence to support concerns that using the HPV vaccine would lead to increased sexual activity and possibly more pregnancies or sexually transmitted diseases.

MULTIVITAMINS/CANCER

October 17, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports on the findings of studies showing that taking multivitamins can reduce the risks of getting cancer by eight-percent.

REUSABLE BAG DANCER

October 30, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that the reusable bag revolution has hit grocery stores all over America. And while that is a good thing for the environment, it could be bad for your health. Researchers say that after a couple of uses, the grocery bag that you are putting your food in has about the same amount of bacteria as a pair of dirty underwear, and thus needs to be washed.

AUTISM FLU

November 12, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Shelby Lin reports that for years doctors have been looking for links to help them understand why some children develop autism. Doctors say that a mother's health might provide some answers.

FISH POSTPARTUM**November 16, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that an acid found in fish may be connected to postpartum depression. Canadian researchers found that omega-3 levels drop during pregnancy. Scientists believe omega-3 influences the brain chemical serotonin, which regulates mood.

VACCINE SCHOOLS**November 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports that although parents get their children vaccinated to protect them against disease, the kids sitting next to them in class could be exposing them to everything. The fact is more and more parents are choosing not to vaccinate their children, which some doctors say could mean gambling with the child's life.

EXERCISE HEART**November 30, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that vigorous exercise is good, but cardiologists say too much could be a bad thing. A warning published in the journal Heart says it's best to limit vigorous exercise to 30 to 50 minutes a day, and that too much vigorous exercise can harm the heart.

HEPATITIS C**December 10, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a study reveals only 20-percent of people infected with Hepatitis C get treatment. There are highly effective anti-viral drugs that clear the virus in most patients, but a review in General Hospital Psychiatry shows people who are infected often fear side effects.

SAFE COSMETICS**December 13, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Holly Firfer reports that there is concern about the cosmetics millions of people put in their face every day. An environmental group is warning that inhaling those chemicals could be bad for health. But the cosmetics industry is fighting back.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE**December 19, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amanda Burden reports that in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, there are questions surrounding the resources devoted to mental health services. And in Los Angeles, experts say more resources are needed.

DRUG SHORTAGE**December 26, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that hundreds of drugs have been in short supply, forcing doctors and patients to use other options to treat diseases. But a study shows a direct link on how these shortages can have serious consequences for patients.

CALIFORNIA 26TH DISTRICT DEBATE**October 4, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that one of the most watched Congressional races in the country is in Southern California. The 26th District—a product of redistricting—includes Ventura, Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, Agoura, Moorpark and Westlake Village. The outcome in the 26th and a handful of other districts across America could go a long way toward resolving which party will control Congress in 2013.

CAMPAIGN 2012**October 15, 2-3 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Susan McGinnis reports that the candidates for President are getting ready for their second debate. After the first matchup, Mitt Romney got a big boost in the polls, but the President is trying to swing the momentum back in his favor.

PROP 38/PROP 30**October 23, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports that voters will decide on two critical ballot measures that will raise taxes to fund public education. Proposition 30 is supported by Governor Brown, and the competing measure on the ballot is Proposition 38.

GOVERNOR BROWN SPEECH**October 31, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports that the clock is ticking for Governor Brown to push for Prop 30, and he is holding a town hall meeting to discuss it. The initiative calls for increasing tax on higher-income earners and sales tax to fund schools.

FEINSTEIN VS. EMKEN**November 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on what some people are calling “the invisible race” for the U.S. Senate. Dianne Feinstein was first elected to the Senate 20 years ago. After two decades, she’s

running for another term in a race against Republican Elizabeth Emken.

MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA

November 6, 2-3 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that it was the last time Antonio Villaraigosa will cast his ballot as Mayor of Los Angeles. The Mayor said this is one of the most important elections, and after he voted he got on a plane heading to Chicago where he will join President Obama's campaign to watch the election results.

JERRY BROWN TUITION

November 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Grace Lee reports that in the wake of Proposition 30 passing, Governor Brown visited Berkeley to give assurances that tuition in the UC system won't go up anytime soon. The reality is tuition increases could happen anytime, but currently the UC president is looking for alternate sources of funding.

PROP 13

November 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that a Democratic state senator said he's pushing for big changes in Proposition 13, the landmark law that restricted increases in property taxes, and made it more difficult to raise taxes.

PORT STRIKE

December 3, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Kent Shocknek reports that the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are at a virtual standstill, as the ongoing strike cripples the nation's busiest port complex. President Obama has been asked to intervene to protect the U.S. economy, and Mayor Villaraigosa has called for around-the-clock negotiations to end the strike, which is said to be costing \$1-billion a day.

FOOD SAFETY FISCAL CLIFF

December 9, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports on how if there is no deal between Republicans and Democrats, some government agencies will be cut back, including the FDA and the USDA. Those agencies protect food safety, so there is plenty of concern surrounding that issue.

GUN CONTROL**December 15, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on how the issue of gun control was a hot topic of debate even before the Connecticut school shooting. But talk is heating up again over gun-related violence and what to do about it.

FISCAL CLIFF**December 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on the final weekend to avoid the fiscal cliff, and how the outcome could directly affect Southern California. President Obama addressed the nation, saying the time is now to take immediate action. The President also said he's "modestly optimistic" a deal will be done before the deadline.